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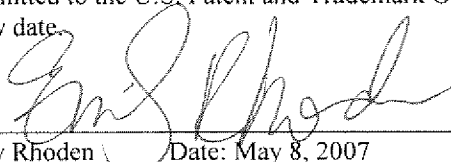
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2007 to  
further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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